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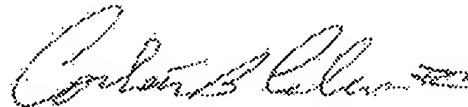
1. Examiner thanks Applicant's representative for pointing out the existence of a preliminary amendment in the case. Clearly, Applicant cannot elect claims that have been cancelled. Therefore, the requirement to elect claims is cancelled.
2. Unfortunately, Applicant's preliminary amendment cannot be used as the basis for another office action – all dependent claims are dependent on cancelled claims.
3. Applicant should, in response to the previous office action, submit an amendment correcting the dependencies. If Applicant chooses to speed prosecution, Applicant may elect between claims 32, 34 & 37 and their dependents. Otherwise, Examiner will issue a new Restriction Requirement at that time.
4. Since correcting the dependencies appears to be a simple matter, Examiner will not rest the time for response.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Corbett B. Coburn whose telephone number is (571) 272-4447. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5:30, Monday-Friday, alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Olszewski can be reached on (571) 272-6788. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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